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HEART OF THE LOWCOUNTRY

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Addendum: MAYOR'S 10.13.2015 MEDIA CONFERENCE RE: BLUFFTON'S RESPONSE TO FLOOD VICTIMS

Bluffton Residents to Continue to Collect Items for Flood Victims

Businesses/Organizations Continuing Relief Efforts:

Bluffton Businesses/Organizations:

- **Ben Kennedy, Brighton Builders:** Brighton Builders is committed to building (2) 200-square-foot homes which can sleep four to six people complete with running water. The business will donate the homes to flood victims. Each home retails for about \$40,000. For more information, please visit www.BlufftonCares.com.
- **Gerrick Taylor, Taylor's Quality Landscape Supply:** (Location: 36 Cecil Reynolds Drive, Bluffton) Taylor's Quality Landscape Supply will collect items and financial donations to continue to supply flood victims with water. This GoFundMe site can also be accessed via www.BlufftonCares.com. Taylors Quality Landscape Supply will also be a drop-off site for non-perishable food items this week.
- **Greater Bluffton Chamber of Commerce:** (Location: 217 Goethe Road, Bluffton): The Greater Bluffton Chamber will collect until the end of October.
- **Bluffton Law Enforcement Center:** (101 Progressive Street, Bluffton).
- **Messex One Stop Service & Sheffield Oil Company (Messex Oil Supplier):** (1189 May River Road, Bluffton). Messex One Stop Service will donate a tank full of gas or diesel fuel for trucks which on route to deliver donations for flood victims.

Hilton Head Island Businesses/Organizations:

- **Jean Beck, Hilton Head Association of Realtors:** Association will continue to collect items through Friday, October 16th.
- **Hilton Head Area Home Builders Association:** (386 Spanish Wells Road, Hilton Head Island) Association will collect until the end of October.
- **HHI-Bluffton Chamber of Commerce:** (1 Chamber Of Commerce Drive, Hilton Head Island) Chamber will collect until the end of October.

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What SC Flood Victims Need:

1. Bottled water
2. Canned (non-perishable) goods
3. Powdered Milk
4. Baby Formula
5. Diapers/ wipes
6. Toilet paper
7. Personal hygiene items: soap, shampoo, dental hygiene products
8. Plastic utensils, paper plates & trash bags.

*You can also drop off donations at any local United Way or Salvation Army office or coordinate with the South Carolina Emergency Management Division (803) 737-8518.

The following residents have been instrumental in Bluffton's drive to provide aid for South Carolina's flooding victims:

*Please note added information is highlighted.

- Alan Ulmer, Ulmer Brothers: Provided a tractor-trailer and Ulmer Brothers' employee John Lewis to transport Town's paper and water drive items to Lugoff, South Carolina to a South Carolina Emergency Management Division warehouse. Lewis delivered the tractor-trailer full of supplies Monday, October 12th.
- Gerrick Taylor, Taylor's Quality Landscape Supply: Coordinated about a dozen trips to the City of Columbia, Dorchester County, Clarendon County and Williamsburg County to aid the following cities/towns: Summerville, Summerton, Manning and Kingstree. Taylor is also working with the Mayors of the Town of Summerton and the City of Manning to distribute more supplies to flood victims. Taylor's Quality Landscape Supply will also collect non-perishable food items this week.
- Tom Curry, Lowcountry Paver: Lowcountry Paver set up a trailer at Publix (Buckwalter Place) to provide an additional drop-off site for donations for a week. That trailer has collected and delivered two loads from that site alone. In total, Lowcountry Paver has provided about (6) tractor trailer loads to the Columbia and Charleston areas to also help out other organizations with their collections and distributions. In addition, the company has delivered (2) additional loads in a 26-foot Penske moving truck. Among the specific sites Lowcountry Paver has delivered: Lowcountry Food Bank in Charleston and Providence Hospital in Columbia.
- Ben Kennedy, Brighton Builders: Ben Kennedy and the team of Brighton Builders employees made their first trips to Summerton and Manning this morning (Monday, 10.12.2015) carrying 60,000 baby wipes; 3,800 juice boxes; 8,800 cereal bars; 4,100 diapers and other large quantities of water, toilet paper, paper towels and cleaning supplies. Kennedy is continuing to receive donations through Thursday, Oct 15th with plans to make another trip Friday.

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In addition to the drive, he is also building and donating 2 Tiny Homes to families in need. For more information, please visit www.BlufftonCares.com.

- Bill and Tony Nimmer, Nimmer Turf: Nimmer Turf has purchased sweaters, coats and undergarments for South Carolina flooding victims as well as supplied the trucks and drivers for about (5) trips to distribute supplies to areas such as Manning, Sumter and Columbia.
 - Mark Creamer, Palatial Homes Design and PHD Services: Delivered about 7,000 lbs. of water to Summerton and plans to deliver another truck this weekend to Summerton. Mark Creamer is assisting the Hilton Head Area Association of Realtors with its collection and deliveries as well. Mark's wife, Cindy Creamer, is the president of the HH Area Association of Realtors and both are working together on this effort.
 - Jean Beck, Hilton Head Association of Realtors: Association will continue to collect items through Friday, October 16th.
 - Charlie Dean, Dean Custom Air: Collected and delivered a 24-foot truck load of paper goods, cleaning supplies and personal hygiene products to flooding victims in Kingstree, South Carolina.
 - Mitch Brown, Southeastern Dock and Platform, (540-0808) 706-5629 Assisted with Gerrick Taylor's distribution efforts; in total, drove (2) trips with (3) trucks with Mitch Brown's father, Bill Brown, to Columbia and Summerville. The trucks delivered water and paper supplies.
 - Josh Sigler, Palmetto Towing: Donated seven pallets of water from Palmetto Towing and delivered them to a distribution warehouse in Walterboro, South Carolina. Palmetto Towing has also delivered another eight (8) pallets for others companies such as Coastal Security and Stokes Honda, and delivered those pallets to local drop-off sites.
 - Animal Aid and Rescue: Dianne and Harry All, Rogue Rescue and Sanctuary and All's General Contracting, Amy Campanini, director of Palmetto Animal League and Kim Stroud-Bonturi, Chain-Free Beaufort, have all helped out animal organizations and animals in flood-affected areas; these representatives have transported and/or housed animals to help.
- In addition, representatives from Kimberly-Clark, based in Neenah, Wisconsin, called the Town of Bluffton and made arrangements for 25,656 rolls of Scott Toilet Paper and 5,000 rolls of Viva paper towels to be delivered to a South Carolina Emergency Management Division warehouse in Lugoff, South Carolina. The delivery was made Thursday, October 8th. This was a major donation from an out-of-state company that participated in the Town of Bluffton's drive.

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Photos: Ulmer Brothers Truck driving off to Lugoff, SC to deliver to a SC Emergency Management Division warehouse. The delivery was made Monday, October 12th. Second photo: John Lewis, a supervisor for Ulmer Brothers, packs final items into the truck which is full of donations from Bluffton residents.